



News Release

Maryland National Guard

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WELCOME HOME CEREMONY FOR MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

BALTIMORE (January 22, 2004) – An infantry battalion of the Maryland Army National Guard is returning on Friday at 10:30 a.m. from federal active duty after a one-year mobilization in support of Operation Noble Eagle (Homeland Defense).

The 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment is returning from Ft. Dix, N.J. after completing the demobilization process and for the past year the soldiers provided force protection at Andrews Air Force Base and Warfield Air National Guard Base.

“The 1st Battalion 175th Infantry has done an outstanding job working with the Air Force,” said Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, the adjutant general for Maryland. “Once again the nation has called on this historic unit for homeland security.”

The 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment is composed of four separate companies. Company A is located in Glen Burnie, Company B in Towson, and Company C and the Battalion’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company are located in Dundalk.

The 175th Inf. traces its lineage back to the American Revolution and the Baltimore Independent Cadets and later the 5th Maryland. Under the command of

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Baltimore merchant Mordecai Gist the unit went on to help cover Gen. Washington's Army's retreat during the Battle of Long Island through repeated bayonet charges.

In the War of 1812, at the Battle of North Point, the 5th Maryland blocked an invasion of 9,000 British troops bent on capturing Baltimore.

During WW II the 175th came ashore in Normandy, France with the famed 29th Infantry Division and pushed forward to liberate St. Lo, France. The regiment was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its heroic fighting for Hill 108 in the Normandy campaign.

Members of the media are invited to film and interview the soldiers and family members at the CSM Jerome M. Grollman Armory, 2101 North Point Blvd., Dundalk, Md. 21222. Please bring proper identification.